

the momentous occasion that is "National Community Action Week," from Sunday, May 3, 1998 to Saturday, May 9, 1998. This proclamation is truly benefitting of the dedication and accomplishments of the members of the Paterson Task Force.

IN HONOR OF THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GEORGE FEDOR MANOR

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 15th anniversary of one of the focal points in southeast Lakewood, Ohio, the George Fedor Manor.

This eleven-story apartment complex for the elderly provides residents with low-cost Section 8 housing and a breathtaking view of Lake Erie, the Gold Coast and downtown Cleveland. After attending the 75th anniversary of the founding of S.S. Cyril and Methodius Church, a group of parishioners decided that the large number of elderly people living in southeast Lakewood needed conveniently located, low-cost housing. The building's namesake, George Fedor, wanted to give something back to his community and was instrumental in arranging support for the project. He is a lifelong resident of Lakewood and a dedicated parishioner of S.S. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, and he understood the needs of this area of Lakewood.

Under the sponsorship of S.S. Cyril and Methodius Church and the leadership of George Fedor, and with funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the City of Lakewood, the complex was finished in May, 1983. Fifteen years later, the building continues to provide senior citizens and handicapped individuals with comfortable and affordable housing in a prime Lakewood location.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring the perseverance of those who recognized a community's need for low-cost housing for senior citizens and have worked tirelessly to see that The George Fedor Manor has filled that need for fifteen years.

IN HONOR OF ANTHONY SUMMA

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anthony Summa of Williamsburg, Brooklyn, who has been chosen as an honoree for the School Settlement Testimonial Dinner.

Anthony Summa graduated from Stuyvesant High School and earned a B.S. from New York University in 1953. Shortly after graduation he was drafted into the Army and carried out a twenty-month tour in Europe. Upon his discharge and return to New York, Anthony was employed by Alexander's Department Stores as a manager.

Mr. Summa then became involved in banking, first at Citibank as a senior examiner and

at the largest bank in New Jersey, First National State Bank. He then joined Irving Trust Company where he rose to the honorable position of vice president and deputy auditor. Mr. Summa is now chairman of Cross County Federal Savings Bank.

Mr. Summa remains active in his parish. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, where he has served as usher, lecturer, trustee, member of the Parish Finance Committee, past president of the Parish Council, and as chairman of the Mt. Carmel Parish Centennial.

Mr. Summa is also a past president of the Holy Name Society, a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus where he is a council recorder and community committee chairman. In addition, Mr. Summa is president of the Daughters & Sons of Italian Heritage Lodge of the Order Sons of Italy in America, as well as treasurer of the New York State Commission for Social Justice, which is an anti-defamation branch of the order.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise with me in this tribute to Anthony Summa of Brooklyn, New York as he receives this award for his dedication to his community. I am proud to have Mr. Summa as an active member of my district.

THE AMERICAN GI FORUM
FEDERAL CHARTER ACT OF 1998

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of myself and a number of my colleagues to introduce a bill to grant a federal charter to the American GI Forum (AGIF), a National Veterans Family Organization. I am proud to join an effort which is being advanced by the distinguished Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and his colleagues who have filed identical legislation, S. 1759.

The American GI Forum was founded on March 26, 1948, in Corpus Christi, Texas by the late Dr. Hector P. Garcia, a medical doctor and Army veteran of World War II. This year, the AGIF celebrates its 50th year of service to our Nation's veterans and their families. Today, the AGIF has over 100,000 members in 500 chapters across 32 states and Puerto Rico. Though predominately Hispanic the AGIF is an inter-racial organization open to all veterans and their families.

This is not the first time the AGIF has sought a federal charter. At least as early as the 1960's, in an era when Hispanic veterans were facing exclusion and discrimination, AGIF approached Congress for a federal charter. At that time, as now, the AGIF had the broad-based national and patriotic characteristics which would have entitled it to a federal charter. While numerous groups with similar stature as the AGIF were almost routinely given charters, the American GI Forum was effectively left out.

As the American GI Forum enters its 50th year, we believe it is fitting to secure passage of this important legislation which would finally grant the American GI Forum a federal charter. A federal charter is an honorary recognition that does not convey any special rights or authority. However, within the veteran commu-

nity, a federal charter is deemed to be recognition of a national veteran organization's commitment and service to our nation's veterans. Other entities sometimes distinguish between Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) which are congressionally-chartered and those which are not. For example, the Department of Veterans Affairs publishes a directory of VSOs, in which it separately lists groups based upon whether or not they are chartered.

The Hispanic community is among the most patriotic in America, historically ready to answer the call to service. Having earned the highest number of medals of honor per capita, Hispanic Americans have a distinguished record of valor and patriotism. There are over 1,000,000 Hispanic veterans alive today. On behalf of my colleagues and myself, I urge you to join us in sponsoring this legislation to grant a federal charter to this deserving organization.

TRIBUTE TO LAWRENCE R. CODEY

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Lawrence R. Codey of Spring Lake, New Jersey. Larry is President and Chief Operating Officer of Public Service Electric & Gas Company.

Larry was born and raised in Montclair. After graduating from St. Peter's College in Jersey City in 1966, he attended Seton Hall University's School of Law and was awarded his J.D. degree in 1969. Following admission to the New Jersey Bar, Larry entered military service, attained the rank of Captain, and spent one year of service in Vietnam.

Larry joined Public Service Electric & Gas (PSE&G) in 1973 and was named Corporate Rate Counsel two years later. In 1983 he was elected Vice-President. In 1987 he was elected Senior Vice President, Electric and in September 1991, was elected President and Chief Operating Officer of PSE&G and Director of the Public Service Enterprise Group, Inc. He was also appointed that year to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Act Advisory Committee. Recently, Larry became a spokesman on the environmental impact of energy deregulation and, in 1997, he spoke before the National Governors Association on the subject.

Larry serves as Director on the Boards of the Trust Company of New Jersey; United Water Resources, Inc.; Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey; Sealed Air Corporation; the Regional Business Partnership; the Chamber of Commerce of the Metro Newark Region, Inc.; the New Jersey Utilities Association; and the Edison Electric Institute. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Peter's College and the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Larry's family and friends, the ARC of Essex County, and the County of Essex in recognizing the many outstanding and invaluable contributions Lawrence R. Codey has made to our community throughout the years.

IN HONOR OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of the first mass held at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church in Fairview Park, Ohio. The parishioners of St. Angela Merici and all the citizens of Fairview Park will join to celebrate the church's anniversary. Mayor Karl Kubb has dedicated May 17 as Diamond Jubilee Celebration Day for St. Angela Merici Parish.

The parish has come a long way from meeting in the basement of the old Fairview Village Town Hall in 1923. The early parishioners were dedicated to outreach programs in the community and to the education of their children. With the continued faith and dedication of the over 3,500 families in the church community today, the parish has carried on these original goals and grown rapidly. The parishioners believe that the young people in the community are their future and invest their time and talents to provide sports and scouting programs, day school and religious education as well as a teen ministry for the youth in the parish.

An extensive schedule of jubilee events includes a one-mile and five-mile run, a consecration of families, a family picnic, a clam bake, and a choral concert. Special masses, a school reunion, a golf outing, and the first annual Founders Day celebration are also planned for the following years. The jubilee celebration will close with an outdoor mass.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in recognizing the dedication and faith of the parishioners of St. Angela Merici Catholic Church as they celebrate 75 years of serving the Fairview Park community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 20 GRADUATING SENIORS OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, HAYWARD'S UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the achievements of the Upward Bound Program at California State University, Hayward (CSUH), in the 13th Congressional District of California. On Saturday, May 16, 1998, twenty high school seniors will be honored for graduating from the program at the Eighth Annual Awards Recognition Banquet.

In 1965, the Upward Bound Program was established at universities and colleges throughout the country. Upward Bound prepares low-income students who will be the first in their families to obtain a degree from a four year college or university. The program provides tutoring, instruction, counseling, career orientation, and an opportunity to experience educational development and personal growth within a college setting while students are still

in high school. In 1990, the Program at CSUH became one of the over 550 Upward Bound Programs nationwide. At present there are 72 participants from Southern Alameda County in the Program.

In order to be eligible for the Program a student must have the potential to succeed at the college level, even though his or her test scores and grades may not reflect it. The student must also come from a low income background as established by the U.S. Department of Education, or from a family whose parents or guardians have not graduated from a four year college.

The Program at CSUH consists of an academic year component and a summer session component. During the academic year students attend Saturday instructional sessions at CSUH, tutorial sessions during the week, and field trips to educational, cultural, and recreational sites. The Program provides assistance in preparing applications for college admission and financial aid, and makes a coordinated effort to maximize students' educational development by maintaining close communication with the students' teachers, counselors, and parents.

During the summer students spend an intensive 4 to 6 weeks living and studying on the CSUH campus. The students take high school level development and enrichment courses, and receive career, academic, and personal counseling. They also have access to all facilities, and sports, cultural, and recreational events, with the goal of giving them an opportunity to see what life will be like as a college student.

This year there will be twenty seniors graduating from the program, and I would like to congratulate them by name. They are: Sonia Abrego, Noemi Arrieta, Michael Barrett, Gabriela Bressler, Ricshell Bunton Jr., Damali Burton, Oliver Chang, Eujenia Garcia, Ana Gutierrez, Darryl Hampton, Anthony James, Joshue Jones, Peng Lim, Bogdana Marchis, Feliza Montes de Oca, Reyna Nava, Phuong Nguyen, Vanessa Perez, Marion Thurmond, and Andrea Williams.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all my colleagues join me in congratulating these students on their achievements. CSUH's Upward Bound Program continues to be an effective vehicle for educational equity and opportunity through its efforts to help students progress along the path of academic success.

HONORING COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the Centennial of the oldest social work training program in the nation, I hereby offer congratulations to the Columbia University School of Social Work. Evolving from a summer program organized by the Charity Organization Society in New York, the School of Social Work has a long and distinguished history of pioneering research, informed advocacy and exceptional professional training.

It is a remarkable accomplishment that social workers have played key roles in every major social reform movement, from settle-

ment houses to labor reform, to the New Deal, to civil rights and voter registration. Many of the things we take for granted today—Social Security, child labor laws, the minimum wage, the 40-hour work week, Medicare—came about because social workers saw injustice, acted, and inspired others.

Throughout this century Columbia's faculty, students and alumni have worked tirelessly to address both the causes and symptoms of our most pressing social problems. National movements, such as the White House Conference on Children and the National Urban League, have emerged from projects undertaken by the School's faculty and administrators in cooperation with professional and community organizations. The entire nation has benefited from the work of people like Eveline Burns (Social Security); Mitchell I. Ginsberg (Head Start); Richard Cloward (welfare rights and voter registration); Alfred Kahn and Sheila B. Kamerman (cross-national studies of social services); and David Fanshel (children in foster care).

As your School, and indeed the social work profession, moves into its second century, they will be both challenged to respond to social change, new social problems, family change, and evolving societal commitments. Now more than ever, we will need well-trained and dedicated social workers to work with troubled children and families, organize communities for change, conduct cutting-edge research, administer social programs, and alleviate society's most intractable problems.

Mr. Speaker, it is with appreciation and admiration that I extend my best wishes to the Columbia University School of Social Work on its Centennial and look forward to its future activity and achievement.

IN HONOR OF VINCENT GANGONE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vincent Gangone, who has been chosen as an honoree for the School Settlement Testimonial Dinner, in Brooklyn, New York, along with his brother, John.

Vincent Gangone, the co-owner of a surgical supply store, was born at St. Catherine's Hospital in the Greenpoint/Williamsburg section of Brooklyn over thirty years ago. He attended the Grover Cleveland High School in Ridgewood, Queens, and the School of Pharmacy at St. John's University in Jamaica, Queens. Later, Mr. Gangone graduated from the Police Cadet Corps. Mr. Gangone then became a fixture in the Greenpoint community while working in a neighborhood pharmacy.

In 1990 Mr. Gangone came to a crossroad in his life and decided to open Salerno Surgical Supply with his brother. The Gangones' business, named after the Italian hometown of his parents, Nicola and Anna Gangone, has become a successful surgical supply store and a necessary addition to the Greenpoint/Williamsburg community.

It has been eight years since Salerno Surgical Supplies opened, and Vincent Gangone believes it was one of the best decisions he and his brother have made. The store allows